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JOHN W. BUSH HAS PASSED AWAY

The death of John W. Bush, one of the most widely known farmers in McKean County, occurred at his home on Bush Hill, Keating township, Saturday, on the farm on which he was born. In October, 1918, Mr. Bush fell from a load of grain sustaining injuries that had confined him to the house until his death. He was a prominent citizen for many years in Keating township affairs; was the founder of the present Baptist Church in this place as it was due to his personal contributions that the edifice was erected when his son-in-law, Rev. T. D. Ware, was pastor of the church.

He was the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Bush who cleared the farm on Bush Hill from the unbroken wilderness. The story of Elisha Bush's experience would make an interesting book as he had to win the land from the natural inhabitants of the forest, and besides the necessary toil and privations, his clearing was often subject to the raids of bears, wolves and panthers, live stock being killed and crops destroyed. His life was once endangered by the attack of a panther. John W. Bush was born in 1837, and at the age of 14 years entered upon the duties of mail carrier, carrying the sacks on his back over the rough mountain trails between Smethport and Wellsboro. With the assistance of another carrier on the other end of the route this seventy miles of almost unbroken forest was traversed twice a week. He had the benefit of an academic course at school, but obtained his education under difficulties that would seem unsurmountable to a boy of the present day. He worked on his father's farm and as he grew to manhood purchased an adjoining tract, later purchasing the old homestead, from his father, who with his wife moved to Smethport about 1880.

In 1856 he was married to Mary, daughter of John and Maria Dexter of Port Allegany, who survives him at the present age of 82 years, also a daughter, Mrs. Jane Ware of Chicago, and a son, O. D. Bush of Lock Haven, who with his wife and two sons were present at the funeral. Various other relatives survive, descendents of the nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Bush.

The funeral was held at the Bush homestead Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Guy Margeson, former pastor of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. Mack, the present pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

LEAP YEAR DAY

Saturday, April 24, was Leap Year Day at the Travellers Club. The hospitable doors stood open to the husbands, brothers, sons and sweethearts of its members. The program and its hospitality were under the capable direction of Mrs. Young and Mrs. Geary, who gave those who availed themselves of the day's privilege the heartiest of welcomes.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kessler, vice president of the organization, Mrs. Studholme's illness preventing her being present. Roll call followed after which the presiding officer declared all further business adjourned until the day's program and asking that at its close the members would remain to transact some important business. She then gave the meeting into the hands of the day's chairman, Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Young, after a few well considered remarks called upon Rev. William E. Van Dyke, "to break the ice" for the other young men who were to follow him in the glorious literary treat. Rev. Mr. Van Dyke was in his happiest mood and delighted all who listened with his wonderful impressions of what he saw in the world's great war while in the service of the Y. M. C. A.

E. Gurdeon Potter followed and in a most pleasing and convincing way told us how little the mistakes made in the war amounted to beside the great and wonderful things really accomplished. His remarks were convincing and wonderfully devoid of blame or criticism to any or all.

E. A. Studholme next addressed the audience telling us how some of his ideas concerning the conditions in Europe were shaken upon arriving there and how true he found others. His address was entertaining, natural and inspiring.

Mrs. Etta Hogarth then read an account of a military wedding in Germany in the army of occupation, witnessed by her son, J. D. Hogarth. The account was unique and pleasing.

Mr. Wiant then gave us two selections on the violin with Mrs. Wiant at the piano. This was an unusual and pleasing treat to all who listened.

A short intermission followed before which Mrs. Young announced the last number of the program as music by the Sextette. The number was a musical rendering of a legend of Niagara. Mrs. Mabel Pomeroy at the piano, which was heartily enjoyed by all. The Sextette is always a delight to all who listen and its services are always generously given. A social time followed in which Mrs Young announced that there was "something to drink," which proved to be fruit punch; fancy cakes were also served.

After much merry-making the well satisfied guests bade a reluctant goodbye to a Ladies and Leap Year Day at the Travellers' Club was one of pleasant memory.—Contributed.

FATHER AND SON REUNITED

As the result of an article published in the Bradford Era one day last week Thomas F. Sullivan of Brooklyn, N. Y., and his son, Thomas Sullivan, Jr., were reunited after a separation of ten years. The father on the death of his wife placed the boy, then four years old, in an institution near Brooklyn, N. Y. He paid the boy's board until he was 10 years old, when he went to South America on a business venture and for a year and a half was unable to pay the lad's board. When he returned the institution authorities said the boy had a good home with a family whose identity they refused to divulge. Then he started a search which lasted seven years, lately tracing the boy to Olean, Wellsville and Bradford. The story in the Era came to the boy's attention at Westline where he was employed by the Day Chemical Company. He communicated with the police that he was the young man sought but it was difficult to convince him that his father was still living. It was an affecting scene when father and son were reunited Young Sullivan's lot in life will not be a hard one from now on as it is understood that he has wealthy relatives who are anxious to better his condition.

TAMPERED WITH MACHINERY

That someone is tampering with the machinery in the Democrat office with malicious intent is the belief of Russell Lindsley, editor of that paper. On attempting to start the linotype one morning recently he found that the gas had been shut off from the machine and various adjustments changed so that serious damage to the valuable piece of machinery was narrowly averted. A thorough investigation convinced him that the trouble was not caused by accident or by any of the regular employees of the plant and on Monday evening he informed the MINER that he had obtained a clue to the identity of the prepetrator that might lead to an arrest within the next few days.

APPOINTED MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. W. A. Ostrander has been appointed medical director of McKean County to succeed Dr. Wade Paton of Bradford, who resigned. The appointment of Dr. Ostrander was a commendable move on the part of the State Department as he will attend to the duties of that office in a thorough and conscientious manner.

WANTED

Lumber Inspector and Yard Foreman, must be able to inspect both hard and soft wood; steady position; good salary. Write or apply to the McKean County Miner. adv18w2

CONOPUS CLUB

Regular meeting of Conopus Club held at the Grand Central 12 o'clock Monday, April 26.

H. H. Redfield won the attendance prize, ap package of home brew, guaranteed not to be wood, given by W. H. Gallup.

The committee on membership beg leave to offer the following amendment to the by-laws.

That Article II Membership be amended by adding thereto as Section 3 the following:

"Section 3. That members of the Clergy resident in the Borough of Smethport and ex-service men of the World War, with records of special bravery and acts of service, may by majority vote of members present at any regular meeting of the club, be made honorary members of the club, without voting rights and exempt from payment of membership fee or annual dues. Ten days notice, in writing of name or names proposed for honorary membership, and time of voting on same to be given all members."

F. D. GALLUP,
GUY B. MAYO,
BURG CHADWICK.
Committee.

Moved by T. F. Hungiville, seconded by E. A. Studholme, that the report be adopted as read and the committee discharged. Carried.

Your committee on good roads met on April 8 with Supervisors of Keating township. Took up with them the matter of improving, with cinders, road between Backus and Smethport. Mr. John A. Cooper, Superintendent of Newton Chemical also present, at request of committee.

Mr. Cooper advised that an almost unlimited supply of cinders could be had, without charge, at their plant.

He further advised that from one to four heavy trucks were to be employed by the Newton Chemical Co. in hauling chemical wood over that part of the road between Backus and Ormsby and that they would be glad to undertake to have these trucks trail the loaded wagons of cinders out to the section where they are to be dumped, bringing in the empties on their return. A team and about four men would be required to "spot" and turn dump wagons and load and distribute cinders.

Smethport Glass Co. will donate cinders to be used on Smethport end of the road, obviating long haul.

Keating township has only about $3,500 available for road work this year. Roads to be taken care of are approximately 80 miles. They are willing, however, to contribute a minimum of $500 toward this work on Smethport-Backus road and to further co-operate with us in every way possible.

It is the suggestion of your committee that a subscription be taken to assist in this work; that a committee of one, preferably Hon. J. W. Bouton, be named to enlist the aid of the County Commissioners in this work as we understand that they are authorized by law to appropriate money for such road improvements; that all members of the Conopus Club show they are willing workers in this cause by contributing one day's physical labor on the road. We also suggest that the flats west of Smethport and that section from Backus to top of Ormsby hill be first given attention, as hill is usually in better condition than the rest of the road.

F. H. HUNGIVILLE,
M. M. POMEROY,
H. H. REDFIELD,
Committee.

Moved T. H. Purtle, seconded P. S. Crossman, that each member of the Smethport Conopus Club donate one day's work on the road between Backus and Ormsby, or employ a man to work on the road for one day. Carried.

A. L. Gallup, chairman of the committee on Dairy Plant, reported that the committee had met a representative of the Rose Dairy Co. regarding locating a milk condensory. The company will have a representative in Smethport in the near future to make a survey of the district surrounding Smethport. Moved T. H. Purtle, seconded F. L. Holmes, that the report be accepted and the committee continued.

Mr. E. E. Bryner, road supervisor of Bradford township, addressed the club regarding the financial condition of the road supervisors of Bradford township. He expressed their willingness to aid in improving the Minard Run road, but due to lack of funds it was impossible for the township to undertake it.

A. J. Bond, county commissioner, told the club of the amount of work accomplished by the supervisors of Bradford township toward good roads. In order to improve the Minard Run Hill road the business men will donate $1,000 and he requested that the Smethport business men donate the same amount.

J. W. Bouton, president of the club, read a petition for the purpose of raising $1,000 for the improvement of the Minard Hill Run road. It was moved by T. F. Hungiville, seconded by M. S. Geary, that the paper be turned over to the Good Roads Association to secure subscriptions to fulfill the purpose of the petition. Carried.

After the above resolution was carried it was understood that the committee endeavor to raise a larger sum than $1,000. From the amount raised $1,000 is to be turned over to Mr. Bond for the purpose of improving the Minard Run Hill road and the balance to improve the Smethport-Ormsby road.

Moved by T. H. Purtle seconded by T. F. Hungiville, that the matter of carrying out the donating of one day's work by the members of the Conopus Club on the Smethport and Ormsby road be left with the committee on good roads. Carried.

JUDGE SYLVESTER B. SADLER CANDIDATE

Ross K. Knapp,

Editor McKean County Miner:—I would appreciate it if you would publish the following information concerning Judge Sylvester B. Sadler who is a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy occurring next January.

Mr. Sadler was born in Carlisle in 1876, and was educated in the public schools at Dickinson College, and subsequently at Yale University, where he graduated with honors in 1896. In 1898 he was graduated from the Dickinson School of Law, and immediately was admitted to the bar where he began a successful practice which extended throughout the south-center counties of Pennsylvania. For several years he was an instructor in the law school. In 1915 he was elected judge of the courts of Cumberland county, having received a vote in excess of 51 per cent at the primaries, and since that time has served with unusual success in his own county and adjoining counties. In no case has he been reversed by the appellate courts.

He is the author of a Pennsylvania work on Criminal Procedure which is to be found in practically every law office of the state, and which is frequently cited by the appellate courts. He is also editor of ten volumes of Supreme Court cases with careful annotations andwhich are to be found in every large law library in the country.

Judge Sadler is in the prime of life, of sound health, and capable of a prodigious amount of work. He is of an age which would justify the belief that he could serve out the twenty-one year term of supreme court justice and maintain his mental and physical vigor.

The best evidence of his fitness is the fact that the bars or bar associations of fifty counties of the state have endorsed his candidacy.

He is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, affable and approachable. He has an exceedingly quick and alert mind, tenacious memory, and highly developed logical faculties. His opinions are written in a clear, direct, terse and definite style. He listens with courtesy and unfailing patience to the addresses of counsel, examines facts and law with meticulous thoroughness, and deals with the difficulties of cases presented with candor and earnestness.

The members of the bar association of this county at a meeting in February last voted unanimously to his support irrespective of party lines.

E. G. POTTER,
April 26, 1920. Smethport, Pa.

WILL BUY CREAM

A. Miller, owner of the Claranell Dairy on W. Main street, has put in a full churning outfit and will buy cream from farmers in this vicinity every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. adv18w1

The play, "Convalesence of Robbie," will be given at St. Luke's parish house, Wednesday, May 5, at 8 p.m. by the St. Agnes Guild. adv18w1

HAZELHURST SCHOOL CLOSED; STRIKE IS ON

Teachers in the Hazlehurst school came forward last week with a demand for more pay or no more service. It seems that one of their number with a provisional certificate recently was granted an increase of salary as she had one of the hardest places in the school and to retain her services the directors increased her pay. It is understood that the increase in this teacher's salary made her receive only the minimum amount paid to the other teachers, but the remainder of the faculty demanded a like increase in their monthly pay.

The school board of Hamlin township, while they recognize the fact that the teachers should receive more pay, are confronted by a shortage of funds which makes such an increase impossible and until some method is devised to increase the school fund are entirely unable to meet the teachers' demands.

This is a situation that is very liable to face other districts in the county at any time. Nearly everyone of them is now taxed to the limit, not only for school but for road purposes. School teachers find that other lines of endeavor offer better remuneration and there is liable to be a woeful scarcity of teachers when the next school year opens.

ARGUMENT COURT

There are 23 cases listed for hearing at a term of Argument Court to convene Thursday, May 13, 1920, and eight divorce cases and three quarter sessions and oyer and terminer cases are listed on the calendar. One of the latter is of general interest as it is a rule to show cause why a new trial should not be granted Joseph Lembro, who was convicted at the February term of court of murder in the first degree for the killing of Tony Morena in Bradford last September. Hon. John A. Fitzgibbon of Bradford is Lembro's attorney, while the commonwealth is represented by Guy B. Mayo and District Attorney E. G. Potter.

In court last week in the case of the Grange National Bank vs. the First National Bank of Bradford the plaintiff secured a verdict in its favor amounting to $4,666.50. A motion for a new trial in this case will be heard at Argument Court.

DEATH OF MRS. L. DUDLEY GIFFORD

The death of Mrs. Mary Ella Bennett Gifford, wife of L. Dudley Gifford, occurred at her home on Mill street, Sunday, April 25, 1920, pneumonia being the cause. Much real sorrow is expressed over the death of this estimable woman. She was born February 2, 1845, and married February 20, 1881.

The funeral was held at her late home, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. E. Van Dyke officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

PURE BRED CATTLE

Fifteen cows and one bull, all pure-bred Holsteins, have arrived in Kane from Howell, Mich., and will be distributed to the nine farmers in this county who subscribed to the purchase of them. The cows stood the long trip and arrived in Kane in good condition. A keeper came along with the Kane car and another carload which was purchased by farmers in Port Allegany and vicinity.

The movement to stock the farms of the county with pure-bred Holsteins was fostered by P. S. Crossman, county farm agent, and was supported by The Grange National Bank of Smethport and the First National Bank of Kane. The co-operation of the banks enabled the farmers to procure loans for the purchase of the stock.

County Agent Crossman and F. L. Johnson of Kane made a trip to Michigan, visiting many stock farms and inspecting many head of cattle before they finally made their selections. One car represents a total value of $9,000 and it is said contains the most splendid specimens of this breed ever seen in the county.

It is understood that this is but the first of a series of purchases of pure-bred cattle in carloads lots as many farmers in the county are certain to improve their herds during the next two years.

FOR SALE

Good family cow, part Ayrshire. Inquire at John Karlen's tailor shop. adv18w1

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY GRANGE

The Worthy Master and wife will treat Saturday evening, May 1, 1920. All members are surely welcome.

M. S. PARKER.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY KEESLER

On Sunday, April 18, Mrs. Mary Keesler died at her home on E. Main street from the effects of heart trouble. She was born January 12, 1853, in Fulton County, N. Y.

She was married to Alonzo Keesler 55 years ago, and came to Mt. Jewett with her husband 16 years hence. Her many friends will regret her loss in this community.

Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her demise one son, George Keesler of Bradford, one daughter, Mrs. D. M. McCarty of Mt. Jewett, and nine grandchildren, also one brother, Stan Moore and one sister, Mrs. Amanda Johnson of Deposit, N. Y.

She was a member of the M. E. Church and the Rebecca lodge.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Crocker of Olean and Rev. D. O. May of Mt. Jewett, Wednesday afternoon, after which interment was made in Bridgeview cemetery.

Those who attended the funeral from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, Miss Anna Haley, Miss Jennie Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Keesler, Ethel and Ruth Keesler, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Earl Deber of Bradford; Mr. and Mrs. John McCarty of Smethport; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Keesler, Paul Keesler and Mrs. Barber of Hazelhurst; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Keesler of Kane; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Keesler of Silver Creek, N. Y., and Gerome Keesler of DeGolia. Mt. Jewett Herald.

CROSBY CHURCH

A service will be held next Sunday at 8 o'clock in the evening, especially in the interest of the proposed new church. A sermon will be preached from Haggai, 1:2 to 5, our friends are requested to look up the passage.

In harmony with the subject of the evening, there will be some special singing.

It is the purpose of the committee to designate the week beginning next Sunday, May 2, as "New Church Week." Members of our regular congregation are invited to contribute liberally without being solicited. The pastor who is acting as financial agent for the committee will be glad to receive your contributions, or pledges, if possible not later than Wednesday, May 5. Checks should be made payable to S. L. Winslow, and marked "Crosby Church Building Fund."

After the Sunday service, the pastor will be pleased to explain the plans, and answer any question concerning the new church.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a bake sale at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Parish House.—Contributed.

ORDER MAGAZINES NOW

The Ladies Home Journal advances to $2.00 a year, May 1.

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RUMMAGE SALE

St. Luke's Guild will hold a Rummage Sale Thursday, May 6, at the Parish House. Anyone having articles to donate please bring them Wednesday, May 5. adv18w1

WANTED

Lumber piler; steady employment. Address Ridgway Door and Sash Factory, Ridgway, Pa. adv18w2